

LITERARY NOTES.

An unpublished poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson is to appear in the November "Century." The poet's friend, James Russell Lowell, is its subject, and it was written on the occasion of the younger man's birthday. The first instalment of the magazine will contain the first instalment of the last remaining unpublished work of Lowell. It is one of a series of literary papers, and is entitled "Wit, Humor, Fun and Satire."

Half a dozen volumes dealing with hitherto unpublished texts of early and middle English literature are to be brought out in London under the general title of the "Old English Library." Dr. Carl Horstmann, formerly professor of English in the University of Berlin, is the editor, and has spent many years in collecting the manuscripts now lying in various European cities. His expenses in connection with the series amount to \$6,000. The first volume will contain the "Prose Treatises of Richard Rolle of Hampole."

The first edition of Professor Goldwin Smith's recently published sketch of the United States was exhausted in a fortnight, and a second edition is now coming out. This success of a political history suggests an interesting question. If America is decided by women, must we conclude that women are beginning to take interest in political history, a subject which has not heretofore appealed to them?

The new edition of Goldsmith's works, illustrated by Herbert Railton, is to be brought out in this country by the Lippincott's.

Walter Shirlaw, the artist, has written a record of adventure which will be published in "The Century." It is to be called "A Rush to Death."

A bit of Shelleyan lore which may be of interest to biographers was picked up near Field Place not long ago by a correspondent of "Notes and Queries." "A gentleman," he says, "whose family have resided in the neighborhood of Horsfall for two hundred years, and whose grandfather knew the Shelleys at Field Place, tells me that when Sir Bysshe was offered a baronetcy he took up his pen, and wrote quickly:

"An honored name was giv'n to me;
I snuffed it out and kept it;
To be Sir Bysshe—
My son's a whin'—
And therefore, I accept it."

Captain A. T. Mahan, the historical writer, does not assert, share the belief held by many of his countrymen "that because many wars have gone by without armed collision with a great power, the teaching of the past is that none such can occur, and that, in fact, the weaker we are in organized military strength the more easy it is for our opponents to yield our points." It is his article in the October "Atlantic," upon "The Isthmus and Sea Power," he dwells upon the growing importance of the Isthmus to us, and the sensitiveness which European nations are betraying in regard to the Caribbean positions. "It is," he says, "so determining that our interest and dignity require that our rights should depend upon the will of no other State, but upon our own power to enforce them, we must gird ourselves to admit that freedom of inter-oceanic transit depends upon predominance in a maritime region—the Caribbean. See through which pass all the approaches to the Isthmus. Control of a maritime region is insured primarily by a navy; secondarily by positions, suitably chosen and spaced, one from the other, upon which, as bases, the navy rests, and from which it can exert its strength. At present the positions of the Caribbean are occupied by foreign powers; nor may we, however disposed to acquiesce, obtain them by means other than righteous, but a distinct advance will have been made when public opinion is convinced that we need them, and should not exert our utmost ingenuity to dodge them when flung at our head . . . Our own impunity has resulted, not from our weakness, but from the unimportance to our rivals of the points in dispute, compared with their more immediate interests at home. With the changes consequent upon the canal this indifference will diminish."

Dryden's line, "Great wits are sure to madness near allied" is a plagiarism or a coincidence. For Thomas Shadwell, dramatist, wrote in his comedy "The Sullen Lovers," which was performed thirteen years before Dryden's poem containing the line was published—"Great wits you know, have ways a mixture of madness."

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